

WE, the subscribers, do certify that we have been personally acquainted with Susan Price, from her nonage, and that we have no just cause to believe any other of her but that she is a good, virtuous, well-behaved girl, to the best of our knowledge and belief. This 20th day of December, 1823.

ISAIAH RIGSBEE, and
NANCY RIGSBEE, his wife
JOHN E. RIGSBEE, Constable,
PEEBE RIGSBEE, his Wife,
GEO. OLDHAM,
ALLEN OLDHAM,
HOLLODAY ROBERT OLDHAM.

This is to certify I have been personally acquainted with Susan Price (late Susan Webb,) I know no harm of her; nor have no reason to believe any disrespectful report of her. Given under my hand, this 20th December, 1823.

WM. OLDHAM.

This is to certify that I have been personally acquainted with Susan Price, (late Susan Webb) for two or three years. I know no harm of her; nor have no reason to believe any disrespectful report of her. Given under my hand, this 20th Dec. 1823.

B. RHODES.

This is to certify that I have been personally acquainted with Susan Price (late Susan Webb) for two or more years. I know no harm of her; nor have no reason to believe any disrespectful report of her. Given under my hand, this 20th Dec. 1823.

A. BLACKWOOD.

I agree with the above statement. J. REVIS.

State of North-Carolina,

WAKE COUNTY.

John Hollowell, of Chatham county, in the State of North-Carolina, and within a few miles of Chapel-Hill, farmer, maketh oath that he is, and has been well acquainted with Susannah Price, (late Webb,) wife of Washington Price, from her infancy, and that he does think and believe her to be a virtuous, good, and industrious girl, as much so, fully, as any girl of her age and condition in life, in the neighborhood where she was raised; that the said Susannah lived for several years in the house of William Henry Merritt, Esquire, a most upright and respectable man, and a preacher or teacher of the holy Gospel of God; that the said Merritt did, in conversation on the Friday last past, tell this deponent, "That Thomas Price, of Wake county, the father of Washington Price, applied to him three times to give a certificate of her being a girl of bad character, and loose and depraved morals, and endeavored to prevail on him to give such a certificate, that he might get her divorced from his son Washington; which certificate he, Merritt, refused to give, he stating to Mr. Price" (as he told this deponent) "that he thought she would make his son a good wife," or words to that effect, and he also said to this deponent, "that he neither would, nor could, as an honest man, give such a certificate as was required by Mr. Price, as he knew nothing bad of the girl, nor had he ever seen or believed any thing bad of her; that he really thought and believed her to be a virtuous, good girl, and that he never saw, knew, or believed any harm of her, and that he thought and believed that the report circulated to her prejudice, about the time of her marriage, was false and unfounded." And this deponent, upon his corporal oath, doth further say, that until the marriage of the said Susannah with Washington Price, he never heard or knew of any evil or bad report of the said Susannah; and that he does think and verily believe, as does the people in his settlement, that the reports in circulation, prejudicial to her, are false, and the results of malice, envy and ill will; and that in his opinion and belief she is unjustly, falsely and maliciously slandered. And he doth further swear that he is convinced, and verily believes, from what Mr. Merritt told him, on Friday last, as above stated, that if Mr. Merritt had been at home yesterday (Sunday) he would have given her mother a certificate of her good conduct and character; but he had gone a distance to meeting, and the mother stated she was compelled to return directly to Raleigh.

JOHN HOLLOWELL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
22d day of Dec. A. D. 1823.

NIMROD RAGSDALE, J. P.